

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - I Street Pedestrian Safety - 11th Avenue to 13th Avenue

State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000**House District: 23 - L**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This project will repair deteriorating sidewalks along the west side of I St. near the Pioneer Home.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$50,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Pioneer Home is vital part of downtown Anchorage and the South Addition neighborhood. It is home to hundreds of Alaska's seniors who continue to live vibrant, active lifestyles. I St., which runs along the east side of the Pioneer Home has a high volume of traffic, but a deteriorating sidewalk. Seniors who wish to walk to the neighboring grocery store, or to the Park Strip for exercise, must contend with uneven and broken pavement, which forces some to step into I St. for surer footing. The path is especially difficult for seniors who are assisted by walkers and wheelchairs. This project will enhance the safety of those traveling by foot to and from the Pioneer Home and will improve the quality of life for an important group of Anchorage's seniors.

Project Timeline:

This project would be completed in the summer of 2008.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Jim Lamson

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES*****Capital Budget*****House District Transportation Projects****PROJECT NAME:** I ST PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - 11TH AVE TO 13TH AVE**PROJECT TYPE:** Pedestrian Safety and Rehab**GRANT REQUEST:** \$50,000**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project will repair deteriorating sidewalks along the west side of I Street in the vicinity of the Pioneer Home. This grant will fully fund the project for a 2009 construction start.

COMMENTS:

The project has not started.

JUSTIFICATION:

The west side sidewalk along this arterial street is deteriorating to the point that safety concerns are increasing.

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FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	50	0	0	0	0	0	50
Project Total	50	0	0	0	0	0	50

Legislative District(s)**House:** District 23-Downtown/Rogers Park**Community Council(s):** South Addition

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Anchorage Pioneers' Home Family Council

Anchorage Pioneers' Home

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Susan Miller

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Administrator, APH

September 26, 2007

Representative Les Gara
716 West 4th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501-2133

RE: APH Family Council Resolution Concerning Sidewalks on I Street

Dear Representative Gara,

Thank you for attending the September 24 meeting of the Family Council. The approximately 25 residents and others who attended the meeting really appreciated hearing your thoughts on current issues before the state legislature.

As you know, one of the questions asked at the meeting concerned what can be done to repair the sidewalk between the Pioneers' Home and the New Sagaya grocery store at the corner of 13th Avenue and I Street. That two-block stretch of sidewalk between 11th and 13th Avenues on the west side of I Street is regularly used by residents of the Home. Every week from spring through fall, the physical therapy department leads a group of residents on a "Walk and Roll" trip to the store; and residents also travel there on their own throughout the year. It is an old sidewalk, and over the years it has deteriorated and become quite uneven. Several sections are broken, and the drop off between some sections is dangerous for walkers and for residents being pushed in wheelchairs.

I reported to the council that I had contacted Shawn Dooley in the municipal Street Maintenance Department about this. Mr. Dooley said they have been looking at trying to do something about this sidewalk for a couple years. He also said that it is in the state right-of-way and there is no state funding for the repairs. He suggested asking the legislature for help. Mr. Dooley's phone number is 343-8195.

After our discussion, those present at Monday's council meeting voted unanimously to ask for state and municipal assistance in getting the sidewalk repaired. Ideally, the sidewalk should also be widened to better accommodate residents who walk side by side and residents in wheelchairs.

Thank you for your past assistance to residents of the Pioneers' Home. Anything you can do to get the sidewalks repaired will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susan Miller
Chairperson, APH Family Council
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Representative Les Gara

October 12, 2007

The Honorable Sarah Palin
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Director Virginia Smiley
Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes
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Re: Anchorage Pioneer's Home Sidewalk Repair

Dear Governor Palin and Director Smiley,

At a meeting of the Anchorage Pioneers' Home Family Council last month, the council voted unanimously to request repairs to the sidewalk on the west side of "I" Street between 11th and 13th Avenues. The two block section is part of the state right-of-way and is frequently used by residents of the Pioneers' Home to travel to and from the New Sagaya City Market. In addition to the use of the sidewalk by the home's more mobile residents, the physical therapy department also leads a group of residents on a "Walk and Roll" trip to the market from the spring through the fall. Due to deterioration of the sidewalk, large cracks and uneven areas can be dangerous for residents as they travel. The uneven walkway can be especially perilous for residents who are assisted by walkers and wheelchairs. This has therefore become a very significant issue for the physical therapy staff and residents of the Pioneers' Home.

The Department of Transportation informed me sidewalk improvements generally only occur with improvements to the adjoining road. Currently, no improvements are scheduled for "I" Street. Our office has requested an estimate from the Department of Transportation as to how much the sidewalk improvement project would cost. On behalf of the residents of the Anchorage Pioneer's Home, I would like to request that funds be appropriated to improve this short stretch of sidewalk.

This project is integral to maintaining the quality of life and independent spirit that embodies Alaska's pioneers. We appreciate your continued support and dedication to Alaska's seniors.

E-mail: Representative_Les_Gara@legis.state.ak.us

Sincerely,


Rep. Les Gara

cc: Mayor Mark Begich
Assemblyman Allan Tesche
David Frain, Administrator, Anchorage Pioneers' Home
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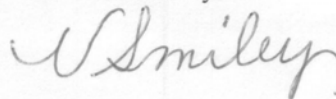
The Honorable Les Gara
Alaska State Representative
716 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 310
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Dear Representative Gara:

Thank you for your letter regarding funding for repairs to the sidewalk on the west side of "I" Street between 11th and 13th Avenues in Anchorage, a stretch frequently used by residents of the Anchorage Pioneer Home. The Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) are working together on this issue and will have both recommendations and a project estimate in the near future. "I" Street is a State of Alaska right of way and the Municipality of Anchorage shares in the sidewalk maintenance. As such, collaboration is important and, if legislative funding is approved, any repairs to the sidewalks would likely be tied into other road projects in the planning process. It is our understanding that the Municipality of Anchorage is considering adding the project to their request list for capital projects.

Once Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has completed their estimate work they will contact you with additional project information.

Sincerely,



Virginia Smiley
Director

cc: The Honorable Sarah Palin, Governor of the State of Alaska
The Honorable Mark Begich, Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage
Leo von Scheben, Commissioner, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Allan Tesch, Assemblyman, Municipality of Anchorage
Lori Schanche, Municipality of Anchorage, Public Works
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November 5, 2007

The Honorable Les Gara
Alaska State Representative
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Dear Representative Gara:

Thank you for your letter regarding funding for repairs to the sidewalk on the west side of "I" Street in Anchorage, a stretch frequently used by residents in the Anchorage Pioneers' Home. I have asked the Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to look into this issue and make recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah", written over a faint circular stamp.

Sarah Palin
Governor

cc: The Honorable Mark Begich, Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage
Karleen Jackson, Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services
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